

## Re: Truck blockade impacting supply of meat

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**From:** "Chughtai, Ayesha" <ayesha.chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**To:** "Glazer, Valérie" <valerie.glazer@tc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Wagner, Elise" <elise.wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Cohen, Alexander" <alexander.cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>, "Harb, Abed" <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>, "Caldwell, Rebecca" <rebecca.caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Kurusamy, Gowthaman" <gowthaman.kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>, "Chalke, Allie" <allie.chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Horonowitsch, Emily" <emily.horonowitsch@ps-sp.gc.ca>, Ninu Forrest <ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca>, "Power, Mary-Liz" <mary-liz.power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Habert, Andie" <andie.habert@ps-sp.gc.ca>, "Morchat, Caroline" <caroline.morchat@tc.gc.ca>, "Lennox, Laurel" <laurel.lennox@tc.gc.ca>, Allison St-Jean <allison.st-jean@agr.gc.ca>  
**Date:** Tue, 01 Feb 2022 13:47:38 +0000

Thanks all, and confirming that Ag tweet will focus on the workers stuck?

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On Feb 1, 2022, at 8:46 AM, Glazer, Valérie <Valerie.Glazer@tc.gc.ca> wrote:

No problem. We will make the change. Thanks!

-----Message d'origine-----

De : Wagner, Elise [mailto:Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca]

Envoyé : mardi, février 01, 2022 08:45

À : Glazer, Valérie <Valerie.Glazer@tc.gc.ca>

Cc : Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>; Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kurusamy, Gowthaman <Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Chalke, Allie <Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Horonowitsch, Emily <Emily.Horonowitsch@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Ninu Forrest <ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca>; Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Habert, Andie <Andie.Habert@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Morchat, Caroline <caroline.morchat@tc.gc.ca>; Lennox, Laurel <Laurel.Lennox@tc.gc.ca>; Allison St-Jean <allison.st-jean@agr.gc.ca>

Objet : Re: Truck blockade impacting supply of meat

Val, could the Minister tweet about the border crossing being “accessible” rather than “reopened”? Given the George tweet says we’ve kept it open?

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> On Feb 1, 2022, at 7:56 AM, Glazer, Valérie  
<Valerie.Glazer@tc.gc.ca<mailto:Valerie.Glazer@tc.gc.ca>> wrote:

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> It works for us. We can go live around 9:00 AM with our proposed tweet.

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> I'm also adding Ally from Agriculture.

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> Envoyé de mon iPhone

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>> Le 1 févr. 2022 à 00:36, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> a écrit :

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>> Thanks Alex!

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>> Abed and Val can you confirm in the morning if that works on your end and then we can execute.

>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 11:21 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> I think that's a good idea. Happy to quote/RT from Minister Mendicino.

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>> One other thing - Glen Motz (local Conservative MP) initially tweeted his support for the blockade, be worth one of the Alberta MPs reminding folks of that:

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fglenmotz%2Fstatus%2F1487610245958537216%3Fs%3D21&data=04%7C01%7CValerie.Glazer%40tc.gc.ca%7Cec6e89a5136a480c8f3208d9e589154d%7C2008ffa9c9b24d979ad94ace25386be7%7C0%7C0%7C637793199202685987%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=W8rh%2B9AT4T%2Fk6tzrHWUWzKEy1PqOvEha1Zfv3JwyzCs%3D&reserved=0>

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>> Here's a suggested tweet for George. I've added a second one if we want to turn up the heat on the provincial government.

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>> The protest at the Coutts border crossing has blocked Alberta's important link to the US, stranded hundreds of truckers and caused problems for businesses across our province. It must end before it causes further damage to our economy.

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>> The federal government has ensured that the border crossing remains open, but the protesters are blocking a provincial highway. I'm calling on the Alberta government to do more to address the situation, open Highway 4 at Coutts and get trade moving again.

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 10:56 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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>> Can we figure out a way to sort of connect a few tweets here? Like is Min. Alghabra tweets first the proposed tweet by Val, and then we can have a follow up by Min. Bibeau to that tweet speaking about the various reports of food that'll go bad. And then we have some proposed tweets for Min. Boissonnault/George that Min. Mendicino can quote retweet? George and or Min. Boissonnault can speak about the truckers more specifically and Min. Mendicino can set the record straight on the role of the RCMP?

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>> I'm very open to any and all idea I just want to get the local members involved and to Abed's original point make it clear whose causing supply chain issues.

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 10:31 PM, Glazer, Valérie <Valerie.Glazer@tc.gc.ca> wrote:

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>> We would like to tweet this. Let me know if you have issues on your side. We would go first thing tomorrow morning.

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>> « The Coutts border crossing must be reopened. This is an important crossing point for the economy. This blockade is hurting Canadian farmers who rely on this crossing to sell their food. »

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>> Envoyé de mon iPhone

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>> Le 31 janv. 2022 à 22:18, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>> a écrit :

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>> I agree. I'm good with that, will send over some messaging shortly. We may also do a statement, and I understand Transport wants to tweet as well.

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>> Here's the latest on the situation from the RCMP:

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>> Dialogue is continuing. There might be an agreement to open up one lane in each direction, we are looking for firm commitment on when exactly that may happen. Could be this evening or tomorrow morning. Enforcement is on hold until the discussion is complete.

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 9:33 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> Following up:

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>> I think we need to comment to make it clear what the situation at hand is.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 8:19 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> What about if we get George and Randy to post about it from a local Alberta perspective. We can suggest comms and have the ministers here echo the sentiment or share it?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 7:59 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> Logistically, the issue is that the stretch road on the Canadian side just north of the border (Highway 4) is being blocked by the protesters. The crossing itself is okay so CBSA can't do much other than direct people to other crossings (unfortunately there aren't many in the area, especially ones that are open 24/7.) Given that the Canadian side is blocked, the Americans are now not letting people continue north. Strictly speaking, this is a provincial issue and the Alberta government has the tools it needs to clear the blockades and says it will (especially given the anti-blockade bill that the UCP government brought in.) My understanding is that the RCMP are trying to negotiate with the protestors (in this case the RCMP are acting as provincial police in Alberta, so we're one step removed) -- I've asked for an update.

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>> From a comms perspective, we've opted not to say much to avoid drawing more attention to the situation (which has been largely overshadowed by the protests in Ottawa.) That said, that may have run its course and something public isn't a bad idea if others are in favour.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca<mailto:abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>>

>> Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:49 PM

>> To: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Cc: Kurusamy, Gowthaman <Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Wagner, Elise <Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Chalke, Allie <Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Horonowitsch, Emily <Emily.Horonowitsch@PS-SP.GC.CA<mailto:Emily.Horonowitsch@PS-SP.GC.CA>>; Ninu Forrest <ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca<mailto:ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca>>

>> Subject: RE: Truck blockade impacting supply of meat

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>> I am sure having trucks in Ottawa doesn't help the feed supply challenges that farmers in the West are facing, but I wouldn't connect the two. 99% of the problem is because of rail delays.

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>> More about the blockade in this article.

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<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcalgaryherald.com%2Fnews%2Flocal-news%2Fprotesters-ignore-rcmp-warnings-southern-alberta-border-crossing-blockaded-by-convoy-for-third-day&data=04%7C01%7CValerie.Glazer%40tc.gc.ca%7Cec6e89a5136a480c8f3208d9e589154d%7C2008ffa9c9b24d979ad94ace25386be7%7C0%7C0%7C637793199202685987%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IkhWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=8M%2FoB5RAsqTcVXZ4n4ZR0e60XtAz5K%2B%2F8Mnf%2ByqzJC4%3D&reserved=0>

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>> Abed Harb

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Sent: January 31, 2022 3:29 PM

>> To: Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Cc: Kurusamy, Gowthaman <Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca<mailto:abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>>; Wagner, Elise <Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Chalke, Allie <Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Horonowitsch, Emily <Emily.Horonowitsch@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Emily.Horonowitsch@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Ninu Forrest <ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca<mailto:ninu.forrest@tc.gc.ca>>

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>> Adding from transport too.

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>> Is there thoughts on any public communications between this trio of Ministers? Ag-transport-public safety?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 5:25 PM, Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> Wondering, too, if any of the cattle feed distribution difficulties Alberta farmers are experiencing could be traced to truckers not actually on the road but in Ottawa...

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Kurusamy, Gowthaman <Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>>

>> Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:13 PM

>> To: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca<mailto:abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>>

>> Cc: Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Wagner, Elise <Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Chalke, Allie <Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Horonowitsch, Emily <Emily.Horonowitsch@PS-SP.GC.CA<mailto:Emily.Horonowitsch@PS-SP.GC.CA>>

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>> Adding Emily from CBSA perspective and Alex from Comms.

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>> Gowthaman Kurusamy

>> Director of Operations | Directeur des opérations Office of the Minister of Public Safety |  
Cabinet du ministre de la Sécurité publique Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:12 PM

>> To: Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca<mailto:abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>>

>> Cc: Kurusamy, Gowthaman <Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca<mailto:Gowthaman.Kurusamy@ps-sp.gc.ca>>; Caldwell, Rebecca <Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Rebecca.Caldwell@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Wagner, Elise <Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Elise.Wagner@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Chalke, Allie <Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Allie.Chalke@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Subject: Re: Truck blockade impacting supply of meat

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>> Bringing this back up.



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>> On Jan 31, 2022, at 1:50 PM, Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>> wrote:

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>> Hey Abed,

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>> Adding a few folks from PS and my office.

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>> Gowthaman have you heard anything from CBSA on this front or the RCMP? Anything you can share with the team?

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>> I think this is huge, and something we should be quite vocal about and quantify what this means for supply chain especially in the context of the summit that is occurring right now.

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>> Ayesha Chughtai (she/her/elle)

>> C: Irrel Irrel Irrel

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>> From: Harb, Abed <abed.harb@agr.gc.ca<mailto:abed.harb@agr.gc.ca>>

>> Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:47 PM

>> To: Chughtai, Ayesha <Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Ayesha.Chughtai@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>

>> Subject: Truck blockade impacting supply of meat

>> Importance: High

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>> Hey Ayesha,

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>> I received a text (below) from the Canadian Meat Council regarding a truck blockade at Alberta/US boarder delaying over 150 meat trucks. If it continues, it will for sure affect supply chain and availability of meat.

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>> Ironc how the protestors complain that vaccines requirements are causing food shortages (when they are not), yet their protest is directly impacting the supply of food. Maybe something we can take a strong position against. I think this is an interesting opportunity for us.

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>> Also, do you know what I can share with CMC regarding what the federal government is doing/considering? Would this be public safety? If so, do you have a contact there?

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>> Jason Kenny tweeted about it as well.

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>> Abed Harb

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Abed Harb

Irrelevant

>> Sent: January 31, 2022 11:34 AM

>> To: Abed Harb

<Abed.Harb@canada.ca<mailto:Abed.Harb@canada.ca<mailto:Abed.Harb@canada.ca%3cmailto:Abed.Harb@canada.ca>>>

>> Subject: CMC

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>> Afternoon Abed.

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>> Any update or direction on what government is doing at Coutts?

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>> Between JBS and Cargill they have 150 trucks stuck in the blockage.

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>> \$ being lost.

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>> Will for sure affect supply chain and likely both will reduce capacity at plants as a result.

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>> Getting a number of calls and being asked what, if anything government is doing.

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>> Anything you can share because not tenable as you can appreciate.

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>> Tks.

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>> Chris

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>> Abed Harb